

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
July 14, 2015
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
John Simon, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Michael W. Lewis, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the July 7, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Dave Matthews with Matthews Land Surveys asked if the Road Department crew and equipment could assist with finding the stones for a survey project his company is working on. Mr. Matthews stated he is helping Kerstin Mitchell index all of the current surveys on file. It was decided to have Lester Barnes, Hamilton County Road Department Employee, assist Mr. Matthews with the survey and to provide the required equipment. The Commissioners also asked Mr. Matthews to file a copy of the survey with the County Road Department.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary, presented an Additional Services Authorization for engineering services from Kirkham & Michael in the amount of \$19,600.00 for additional surveying on the new landfill pit. The Commissioners contacted Wayne Schritchfield with Kirkham & Michael via telephone regarding the last survey they completed. Mr. Schritchfield informed the last survey completed was on the cells of the Landfill and that Harder & Associates did the last survey on the boundaries of the Landfill. Also, the previous Engineering Contract regarding the new Landfill cell was for the design for the new cell and the proposed Additional Services Authorization is for the construction of the new cell. Kirkham & Michael will hold a conference with KDHE and whoever is digging the cell before the construction will begin and will place markers for the buffer zones. Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the Additional Services Authorization for engineering services in the amount of \$19,600.00. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ALAN HANSON: Mr. Hanson, Hamilton County EMS Director, discussed the following:

- 1) Complemented the County Road crew on the good job they do to maintain the roads.
- 2) He contacted the State Board of EMS regarding the regulations of the Medical Director for the EMS.
- 3) Discussed raising the service and mileage rates to be closer to the average rate of other Counties and to review the rates annually. Mr. Hanson will work on some rate changes and report back to the Commission.
- 4) The EMS service received some memorial money from the Gerard family, which will be deposited into the County's EMT Trust Fund, which will help purchase a computer to help integrate electronic medical records.
- 5) He was nominated to be appointed to the State's Trauma Committee.
- 6) Still working with the State regarding his license to teach EMT classes.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. The Road Department has enough material to start hauling material for three miles for Road B. It was decided to have the Road Department go ahead and start hauling the material.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Braddock reported that the crew is finishing graveling Road G down to Road 36. Also, the crew patched Road 35 from the highway to a quarter mile east, and are still mowing ditches in the northwest quadrant of the County and spraying bind weed in the ditches.

ADDITIONS & ABATEMENTS: After review, Commissioner Simon moved to approve Additions & Abatements 140430 through 140432. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

SPRAY RIG: Discussed an estimate received from Kirby Repair to replace the engine in the Ford spray rig. Commissioner Puckett moved to remove the spray rig equipment and deem the Ford pickup as surplus property and to also list the pickup on Purple Wave Auction Site. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WEED SPRAYING: Commissioner Simon asked Kerstin Mitchell, Hamilton County Noxious Weed Director, about using pre-emergent in road ditches. Ms. Mitchell informed that pre-emergent is expensive. Also discussed options of spraying the ditches vs. mowing the ditches and just spot spraying around road signs and bridges. Commissioner Braddock moved to authorize Commissioner Simon to inquire about purchasing an additional mower from Golden Rule, Inc. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/RURAL OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT: The 30-day hiring freeze has expired, and with the valuation numbers in, Commissioner Lewis informed that the Community Development Board will set up some dates for interviewing for the Economic Development position. Also discussed setting up interviews for the Rural Operations Superintendent Position on August 4th starting at 3:30. Commissioner Braddock moved to schedule a Special Meeting for August 4, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. for the purpose of job interviews. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: Commissioner Simon moved to pay Alan Hanson \$1,200.00 for relocation expenses. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$231,551.61. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Puckett informed that Leslie Carlholm, Community Development Director, will discuss her findings regarding a grant for a fire truck. Commissioner Schwerdfeger voiced her concerns of lack of volunteers in the Coolidge area and she feels there is a lack of communication in the fire department. Commissioner Braddock informed that the Rural Fire Department decided at their last meeting to rewrite the by-laws and to create a check list so that the volunteers can be actively accountable in taking care of equipment. Discussed paying quarterly vs. monthly appropriations to the Hospital for cash flow purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Simon moved for adjournment. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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